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1. Tsitsihar Airfield is two kilometers southwest of the Tsitsihar railroad station (123-57, 47-22). The field is about six kilometers square and has three concrete runways, each 1,000 meters long and 50 meters wide, and marked at night with red signal lights on one side and blue on the other side, at 50 meter intervals. Two hangars 30 meters high, 50 meters long, and 40 meters wide are used primarily for repair. Most of the planes are dispersed on the field. The personnel consists of the following: 12 men including four Soviet advisers at headquarters; 12 men including two Soviet advisers in operations; 12 men including two Soviets in communications; 156 men in maintenance; and 144 men in the guard company.
2. On 1 December 1951, there were about 200 MIG planes at Jit'ien (sic) Airfield. On 15 January 1952, about 50 more MIG planes arrived. During January, 600 Soviet and Japanese maintenance men were stationed at the field. On 10 January construction of two hangars was completed on the east side of the field, and the runway was lined with blue lights spaced at 50 meter intervals. The repair shop is being expanded, and its equipment includes three 12-foot lathes, four 6-foot lathes, and six 2-foot lathes.
3. The Langt'ou Airfield is being used for four-engined bombers (sic).<sup>1</sup> Anti-aircraft machine guns have been set up in dugouts at 50 to 100 meter intervals along the wire fence around the field. Although the field is blacked out every night, no air-raid siren had been heard and there had been no practice alert as of 17 January.

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Comment. It is considered very doubtful that any four-engine  
bombers are based at Langt'ou.

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